Scholarships

* 1217 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Harijan pupils (boys and girls) in the Elementary schools in the Kanyakumari district who were given scholarships in 1959–60; and

(*b*) the number of pupils who were not given and the schools in which they are studying and the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: (*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

Medium of Instructions (freedom for Colleges)

* 1218 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the recommendation of the University Grants Commission that the colleges should be given the option to change the medium of instruction and that the Government should not interfere with the freedom of the colleges; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have seen Press Reports to this effect. They have not interfered with the freedom of colleges in this respect.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: May I know, Sir, whether the candidates will be given the option to change their medium of instruction?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Option is being given There is no question to make it compulsory.

Rules of Panchayats (Tamil copies)

* 1219 *Q.*—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN: கனம் முதல் அமைச்ச.. தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) பஞ்சாயத்து மான்யூவல் ரூல்ஸ், ஆக்ட் முதலிய பஞ்சாயத்து யூனியன் சம்பந்தப்பட்ட புஸ்தகங்களை எல்லாம் தமிழிலேயே வெளியிட உத்தேசமுண்டா ?

(இ) இல்லையென்றால் காரணமென்ன?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: ( ) & ( ) The Madras Panchayats Act, 1958, has already been translated into Tamil and the official translation has been published in the Supplement to Part IV—Section 4 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 26th October 1960. The first batch of rules under the Madras Panchayats Act, 1958, relating to Panchayat Union Councils have been issued in G.O. Ms. No. 1677, L.A., dated the 8th October 1960. The question of translating these rules into Tamil is under the consideration of the Government.

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[a] Printed as Appendix XI on pages 546–552 infra